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Fishing season for trout opens April 30

Fishing seasons for trout, salmon, walleye, pike, and muskellunge start on Saturday, April 30. If the weather cooperates, anglers may still have a decent weekend of fishing despite last week's frigid temperatures and snowstorms.

"Early season openers are always a weather thing. This week would have been a terrible week for the opener," said Jack Millikin of Skip's Sport Shop on Thursday, April 21. (It snowed on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 19 and 20.)

Millikin said warmer weather this week could help get the fish moving and the flies hatching, improving conditions for anglers.

"This time of year we need the temperatures to be a little warmer," Millikin said.

Possible forecasts for this week include temperatures in the 70s and rain, conditions that should make the fish more active and allow food sources to be pushed into the water, Millikin said. Pg. 13

Basketball players earn all-league, all-state honors



Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball program recently announced its team awards and other honors for the 2011 season, a campaign in which the Vikings finished at 19-5 overall, winning three playoff games and a district championship.

Steven Enos was selected to the Detroit Free Press all-state "fifth team." He also earned an Associated Press all-state honorable mention and an all-state selection from the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM). Pg. 14

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Voters will decide school board seats, ISD tax levy

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

One incumbent Crawford AuSable School Board member is facing a challenge from three candidates at the polls next Tuesday.

Crawford AuSable School Board President Carol Ramaswamy is vying for reelection for one of two six-year terms on the board. Shirley Curriston, Wendy Kucharek and Amy K. Owen are also running for the six-year terms.

William Dean, vice president of the Crawford AuSable School Board, and Lewis Madill, the current

school board treasurer, are running unchallenged for two four-year seats on the board.

Voters in the Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR ISD), which covers six school districts, will also decide a proposal to determine if a tax levy previously approved by voters can be increased to fund special education costs.

The ballot measure asks voters if a .6961 mill limitation (0.6961 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the annual property tax previously approved by the electors of the

COOR ISD can be raised. Currently, the tax levy is reduced to .6329 mill as required by the Headlee amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

If approved, the millage would be increased by .5852 mill (\$0.5852 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The estimated revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2011 is about \$1,779,221 from local property taxes authorized.

The annual cost of the .5852 mill increase would mean a homeowner with a \$100,000 home assessed at

\$50,000 would pay an additional \$29.26 in taxes per year.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters can cast their ballots at the Grayling City Hall, Lovells Township Hall and the Grayling Charter Township Hall. Voters in Frederic Township, Maple Forest Township and Otsego Lake Township can cast their ballots at the Frederic Township Community Center. Finally, Bear Lake Township voters can cast their ballots at the Bear Lake Township Community Center.

County will revamp planning commission to cut costs

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Staff Writer

After volleying ideas back and fourth about combining planning efforts and other services, Crawford County leaders and other local officials will sit down at the table next week to formalize a group to carry out the mission.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold an organizational meeting for the Crawford County Planning Commission at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4.

The current Crawford County Planning Commission has been in a state of limbo over the past several months. In recent years, planning and zoning duties were taken over by the six townships in the county and the City of Grayling has always administered its own planning and zoning. The planning commission only meets four times per year to review changes in master plans regarding future land use in the county.

County commissioners faced a July 1, 2011 deadline to make changes regarding the membership on the Crawford County Planning Commission and the tasks that it would oversee.

The changes were prompted by Michigan Planning Enabling Act Public Act 33 of 2008. The state law repealed the previous Municipal Zoning Act, County Planning Act and Township Planning Act to bring more efficiency to planning and zoning efforts and create harmony between neighboring municipalities.

County Commissioner Rick Anderson, vice chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and a member of the planning commission, suggested the county planning commission, along with city and township officials, look at county-wide zoning issues such as the location of medical marijuana related businesses and the location of wind turbines.

Most recently, Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Terry Wright sent a letter to county, city and township officials on a proposal to combine planning efforts and to provide other municipal services.

Wright made the proposal in light of Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed budget cuts to local units of government. In addition, municipalities will continue to see less revenue from property taxes due to the declining housing market.

"Most analysts are saying it could be several years, if ever, before housing values begin to climb, which could make a bleak future for all of our revenues in a time when costs continue to rise," Wright said.

Wright has proposed that services be consolidated through Crawford County, local authorities or joint-boards representing the individual entities.

Specifically, he suggests consolidating assessing departments, excluding individual boards of review, which handle tax assessment appeals. Building departments could be combined, including permitting and inspection duties. Zoning departments could be combined, including ordinance development, adoption and enforcement.

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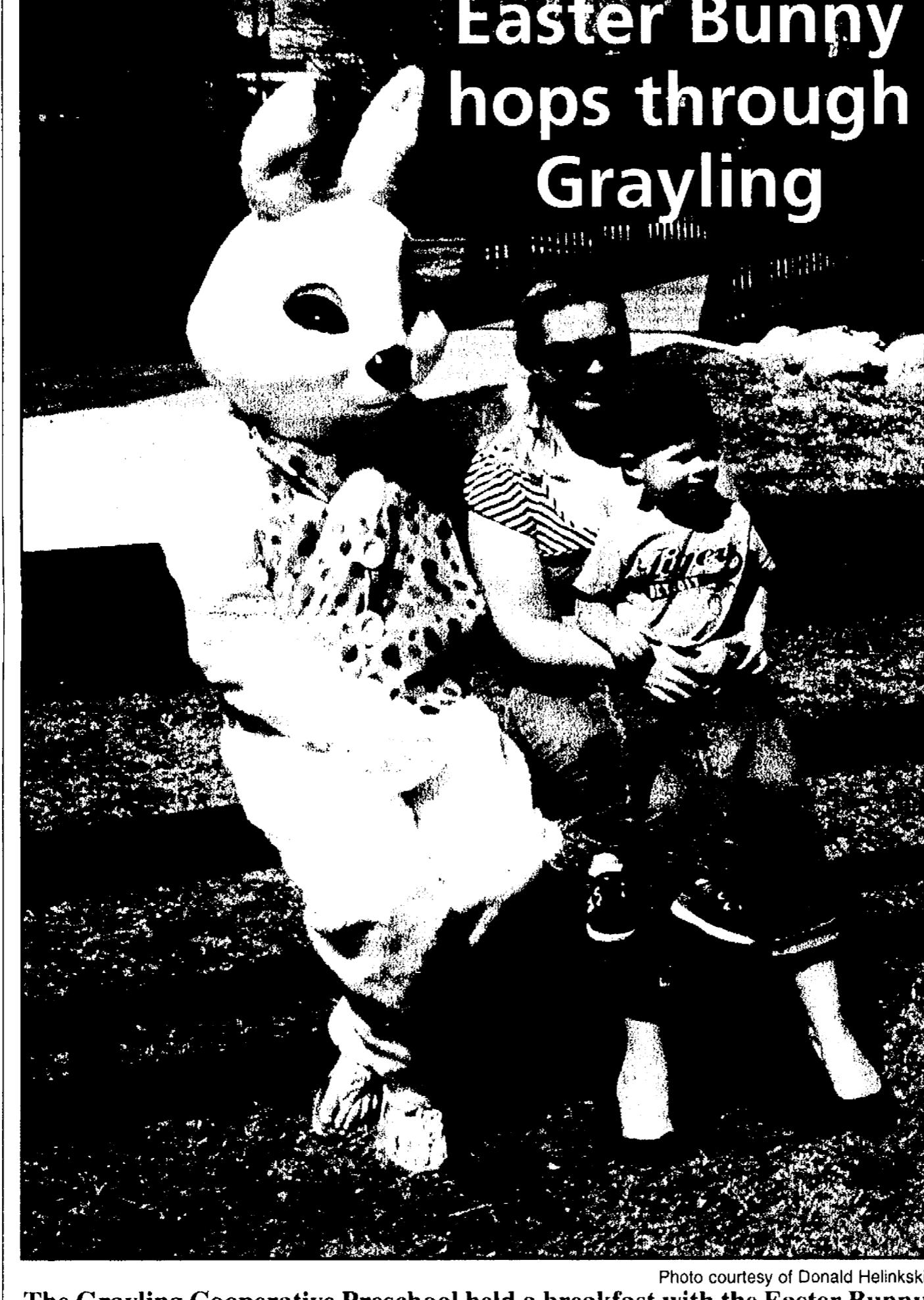


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The Grayling Cooperative Preschool held a breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the American Legion to raise money for the school. An Easter egg hunt was held in the AuSable River Park following the breakfast. Above, the Easter Bunny is pictured with a mother and her son.

City tightens up on water service payment deadlines

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Although the Grayling City Council has shortened its cut off to keep city water service flowing, it did include provisions for citizens to set up a payment plan to allow for timely payment of their bills.

The Grayling City Council at their last regular meeting amended the city's water shut-off policy.

The water shut-off policy now requires citizens to pay their bills within 30 days of receiving their water bills. The water bills are mailed quarterly.

After the 31 days of non-payment, a shut off notice will be mailed to homeowners and landlords.

Water will be shut off after 60 days unless payment is made in full or arrangements are made

and kept accordingly.

The last time city officials addressed the water shut off policy was in 2007. Then, the city gave city residents 90 days to pay their bills before water service was shut off.

Manpower on behalf of the Grayling's Department of Public Works was the main factor in the change.

"It was too complicated and too cumbersome," said Grayling City Clerk Michele Miller, who oversees the water billing process.

Miller added that landlords had complained to city officials when they were saddled with unpaid water bills on behalf of their tenants. She added that shortening the process will hopefully uncomplicate the process as the city is mailing billing notices and employees are con-

ducting meter reads and shutting off water service.

"Hopefully by being more proactive, we can get more people to stay on top of their water bills," she said. "We understand that everyone is having hard times, but this gives them a chance to make payment arrangements."

"The idea is to have the water bills paid prior to the next billing cycle," Miller added. "When we're billing and taking meter reads at the same time, that was really hard to do."

The city council plans to address the discontent and reconnect fee for water services. Finally, the council planned to review all fees at its Monday, May 23, meeting and will compile all fees into one fee schedule.

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Miller meets weekly with Mayor Karl Schreiner to talk about business and activities for the city. They discussed coordinating a citywide sale with the opening of the Grayling

Farm Market or the Harvest

Festival. Schreiner educated the city council on the possibility of giving the community an economic shot in the arm, and they were overwhelmingly in support of the idea.

Grayling City Manager Doug Baum pitched the idea of the citywide garage sale at a Grayling Uptown District Association meeting, and they were on board. All parties agreed that the sale should be held in conjunction with the 200 Mile Grayling to Oscoda Garage/Yard/Side of the Road Sale, which will be held the first weekend of June this year.

The 200-mile sale was organized by the AuSable River Country committee, a group of community and business leaders from the region. Cosgray is part of the group. The sale is aimed at bringing people into Alcona, Iosco, Crawford and Oscoda counties.

"It's just an initiative to bring people into the region," Cosgray said. "Everybody loves a garage sale."

Cosgray said partnering with the citywide garage sale will boost business in Grayling, especially in the downtown business district.

"I think it's a great opportunity for the businesses downtown," she said. "They have all jumped on board and there are going to be doing something that weekend. It's a great weekend to showcase what we have to offer."

Miller said she hopes to duplicate the results the citywide garage sale has had in Missouri.

"It was wall to wall people and they were everywhere," Miller said. "I thought this was a great way to draw people into town for something that they already do."

The garage sales that weekend, June 3-5, will not count against the total number of garage sales city residents can have per year. In February 2009, an ordinance was adopted by Grayling City officials that said city residents can only have two garage sales per year for a period of three days. The ordinance was aimed at eliminating perpetual garage sales and blight issues in the city.

While in Grayling, Miller said that diehard garage sale enthusiasts would patronize gas stations, restaurants and other businesses.

"It does not cost anything and it's a win-win situation," she said. "When they come in and do some garage-saleing, they're going to have to stop for gas, lunch or something else."

School board protests school funding raid as voters contemplate millage

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable Board of Education last week fired off some opposition to Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder and state lawmakers on a proposal to shift funds from local schools to cover business tax cuts.

The Crawford County Board of Education last week passed a resolution protesting a proposal to divert dollars from the School Aid Fund to support community colleges and institutions of higher education at the expense of children the schools serve.

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers said Snyder has proposed significant cuts to education. He said that Snyder wants to take money from K-12 schools and transfer that money into the state's general fund.

"If he is successful, the governor would effectively take \$800,000 from the Crawford AuSable Schools and out of Crawford

County," Powers said.

Powers noted that citizens of the State of Michigan voted for Proposal A in 1994. Under Proposal A, the sales tax was increased to six percent, property taxes were cut in half and the added tax money was dedicated to K-12 schools.

Snyder, who took office in January, has found a loophole with the proposal that state voters approved.

The State Constitution allows the School Aid Fund to include "higher education." Proposal A defined a funding formula specifically for K-12 schools to create more equity across the state amongst schools.

The current state proposal wants to break the promise of Proposal A after 16 years.

"As a result, our schools and every school across the state will see a huge cut for next year," Powers said.

Powers acknowledged that the State of Michigan's general fund is in a deficit. The deficit will be increased by \$1.8 million dollars with a proposed tax reduction for some businesses.

"Governor Snyder's pro-

posal is to shift dedicated tax dollars out of the School Aid Fund and allow the State to use the money as they see fit," Powers said. "This is not what the Michigan citizens voted for in 1994."

Powers noted that Rep. Peter Pettalia, R-Presque Isle, and Sen. John Moolenaar, R-Midland, will be voting on the raid of the School Aid Fund.

"They will be deciding whether to transfer the K-12 dollars to the state's coffers," Powers said.

With the economy improving, schools thought they would be receiving an increase of \$260 per student after 10 years of difficult school funding. Instead, the legislature is contemplating the Snyder's proposal to cut schools by \$471 per student.

Coupled with declining enrollment and higher costs like increased diesel prices, The Crawford AuSable School District is looking at a \$1.3 million budget shortfall for next year, Powers said.

Local schools cannot raise operating dollars. The promise of Proposal A in 1994, determined a funding

stream for K-12 schools but also disallowed local schools from seeking any operational dollars to support the education of the children.

The only way schools can raise operational dollars is to have an Intermediate School District (ISD) wide election.

Powers noted that on May 3, the school district will have a school election for election of school board members. Also on the ballot is a special education issue for Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR ISD). COOR is the four county regional school district, which helps Mio, Fairview, West Branch, Houghton Lake, Roscommon and Crawford AuSable School Districts with special education.

If approved, the millage rate would positively affect the students of Crawford AuSable School District.

"This increase millage rate would bring approximately \$342,000 dollars more to the Crawford AuSable School District each year for the education of all students," Powers said. "The legislature may reduce the educational dollars of our schools significantly. However, a yes vote on the COOR ISD special education millage would help our schools greatly. This type of ballot issue is the only way we can provide more dollars for our students in Crawford County."

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Gaylord man arrested after robbing disabled resident

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies made a snappy arrest earlier this month after a man robbed the home of a disabled person.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said Central Dispatch received a report of a home invasion that had just occurred in Frederic Township on Old U.S. 27 at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 14.

The caller, who is disabled, reported that a man had forced his way into the residence and had stolen several items.

Central Dispatch passed

on vehicle information to Crawford Sheriff's Office Deputies and Grayling City Police. The vehicle was stopped just north of the City of Grayling within five minutes of the initial report of the incident.

The suspect, a 25-year-old Gaylord man, was arrested by sheriff's deputies and lodged at the Crawford County jail on home invasion first-degree charges.

Grayling Police Department officers assisted deputies at the arrest scene.

The man is scheduled to be arraigned in Crawford County District Court on Monday, May 2.

I-75 resurfacing project begins

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Michigan Department of Transportation project (MDOT) to resurface northbound I-75 in Crawford County began Monday.

Construction crews were slated to begin the project to resurface four miles of northbound I-75 on Monday, April 25. The area that will be resurfaced goes from the U.S. 127 junction to Exit 254 at the entrance to the I-75 Business Loop.

Once completed, the pro-

ject will extend the life of the freeway by several years and will create a smoother traveling surface for motorists.

The completion date for the project has been set for Thursday, May 26, in time for the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

One lane of traffic will be closed during construction.

MDOT officials advise motorists that they need their undivided attention while traveling through construction zones.

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Parks and recreation departments could join forces, including the operation and maintenance of parks in the county. Waste disposal and recycling, which county, city and township leaders have already been studying, could also be consolidated. Finally, governmental entities could work together when purchasing supplies, equipment and furniture.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, said Crawford County has too much government for a county with less than 15,000 people.

"We need to look at every option we can to possibly coordinate our efforts and to cut down on costs," he said. "I don't think there is anything that we should not look at."

Stephenson highlighted the fact that the Grayling Housing Commission and Crawford County Housing Commission are currently looking at grant funding to establish a neighborhood enterprise zone in Grayling. The grant funding would help improve housing in the community and raise property taxes.

Stephenson said it is time for planners to roll up their sleeves, quit the chatter and get back into the business of improving the lives of county residents.

"We've got to get off dead center sooner or later," he said. "Let's quit talking and get at it."

The current planning

commission has a membership of representatives from each township, the city, the county and the Crawford AuSable School District. The planning commission may take on more members as its focus and mission increases.

"In order to make some of these kinds of things happen, you're going to have to have a fairly big commitment from some pretty competent and dedicated people," said Jack Mahank, chairman of the Crawford County Planning Commission.

Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Brian Ashton said that Tom Brooks, chairman of the township's planning commission, would represent the Beaver Creek Township next week.

"I think it's a great idea and we're going to put our heads together and explore ideas to continue to provide services and to better serve our citizens," Ashton said.

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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Michigan presidential primaries not likely

APPARENTLY IT will be up to Republican party leaders in Michigan whether Michigan will have a presidential preference primary in 2012.

Four years ago, both parties held primaries, which turned out to be inconsequential in the eventual selection of John McCain and Barack Obama as the final candidates.

For the 2008 campaign, the two Michigan parties agreed to a January 15 primary, hoping to cash in on early campaigning and to have a real role to determine the winners.

Mitt Romney as a native son carried the Republican primary handily. Mr. Obama opted not to campaign in Michigan leaving the Democratic field open to Hillary Clinton, who thus did not do much campaigning here either.

Both national parties exacted discipline against both state parties for the eventual national nominat-

ing conventions because they had violated national party dicta banning such early primaries. Peace finally came through conciliation.

For next year, Michigan Democrats already have announced they will hold a party caucus on May 5, 2012 to select delegates in place of a primary. President Obama, of course, is expected to be the party choice for reelection.

MICHIGAN REPUBLICANS have not yet decided how to handle their 2012 selection process. Mitt Romney likely will be in the running again, and likely will find considerable support in Michigan, although unlike on the Democratic side, there probably will be more than one serious candidate for the Republican nomination.

If Michigan Republicans decide on a primary, a couple of large problems develop.

First is the cost. Would taxpayers be stuck with the bill? In 2008, the two-party primary cost about \$10 million. That's a big chunk in a state now governed by Republicans and gasping for dollars already.

The second problem is political. If Republicans use a primary to winnow down a multi-candidate field, and Democrats already are settled on a caucus choice for their party's candidate, then Democrats would be free to vote in the Republican primary and try to select the weakest possible opponent for President Obama.

Unless something changes in the near future, it looks like Michigan Democrats have forced Michigan Republicans into a non-primary selection process, which may suit party leadership better anyway.

Of course, ordinary folks in both parties will be left out in the cold.

DONALD TRUMP for president?

Some recent polls of presidential preferences for the 2012 election show Mr. Trump leading a pack of uncertain possibilities for the Republican nomination next year.

It's not because nobody else is better qualified.

Mr. Trump is in the lead at this point because of name recognition.

He's a genius at self promotion, and has a highly-rated television program with his name in the title, of course.

He also operates mainly in the media capital of the world - New York City and the East Coast - where TV news shows originate and national political and gossip columnists search for nuggets about the famous and infamous celebrities such as Donald Trump to brighten the more humdrum lives of ordinary folks across the country.

So if a poll taker asks

some ordinary citizen -- or even a probable voter -- to select a favorite from a bunch of names, most of which can claim uncertain fame only for politics, chances are the non-involved citizen will select a name with which he/she is at least somewhat familiar, and that's Donald Trump.

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may push some poll respondents into Mr. Trump's corner, and that's his all out embrace of the "birther" movement which insists that President Barack Obama really was born in Africa and not in Hawaii and therefore is ineligible to be president but instead has been installed in the office by some far-fetched plot hatched many years ago by enemies of freedom.

Those who question Mr.

Obama's birth place usually

do so with blind fervor, and would welcome support from a potential president, in this case Donald Trump,

and in turn select him as their favorite should a pollster ask.

The depth of Mr. Trump's candidacy can be measured by his announced plan to reveal his intentions formally on his final television show of the season late in May.

But Donald Trump in the White House? Don't count on it.

(Note: Almanack readers are reminded that this early analysis comes from the same writer who predicted four years ago that upstart Illinois Sen. Barack Obama would never make it past the early presidential caucuses and primaries and would be washed up a full 11 months before he was elected president in November 2008. Oh, well.)

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By Ford W. Bell, American Association for State and Local History

Wellington Farm, a learning experience

For millions of Americans, museums are seen as refuges of learning, fun and spiritual uplift. That is true from the cherished Smithsonian museum on the National Mall in Washington to the Pearl Harbor - USS Arizona Memorial in Hawaii to Wellington Farm right here in northern Michigan.

That's why U.S. museums attract an estimated 850 million visits each year, more than all professional sporting events and theme parks combined.

But it is important to remember, particularly amid reports of other emerging economies eclipsing us academically, that museums are also essential pillars of our educational infrastructure. That is the case hundreds of museum professionals made to Capitol Hill on March 1.

According to the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, museums annually provide more than 18 million instructional hours to American students and educators, ranging from professional development for teachers to traveling exhibits to schools to the traditional field trip. An estimated 55 million school children take part in museum field trips each year, despite cuts in school budgets.

Such school outings range from visiting science museums to learn about the human heart to visiting botanic gardens to examine environmental conservation to becoming familiar with their town's past at the local history

museum. All told, museums annually invest more than \$2 billion in education programming.

Right here in northern Michigan, Wellington Farm near Grayling provides an education program for area schools based upon the educational goals established by the Michigan Department of Education.

During the spring, classes especially designed for grades three, four and five are the most popular at the 60-acre living history farm. Second graders learn about nature, fourth graders experience life as it was lived during the Great Depression and fifth graders get a first hand look at where their food comes from. For more information, call the farm at 989-348-5187.

Perhaps unknown to many of our citizens, museum leaders play a major role in formulating school curriculum, working in concert with school officials in many states. And of course, museums are vital educational tools for parents of the estimated two million children in this country who are homeschooled.

Further, museums have adapted their educational programs to conform to the mandates of No Child Left Behind, incorporating standards in math and reading, while also adapting educational offerings to state and local benchmarks in science, art, language arts, civics and government and economics and financial literacy. Wellington Farm is no exception.

For many of today's students, museums provide the switch that makes the light bulb go on; the experiential learning environment provided by museums makes it easier for many young people to grasp concepts that seem irrelevant and obscure on the pages of a textbook.

Clearly, museums are engaged in critical work that contributes to the educational excellence of our communities. But as substantial as is the impact of museums on American education, the contribution of museums goes much farther. As state and local government budgets are increasingly stretched thin, many museums are taking up the slack, filling the voids in our social and community fabric.

Art museums have created programs for Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers, enabling them to enjoy the benefits of engaging with our artistic treasures. Other museums have led the way in working with autistic children, providing a safe, comfortable day out for the children and their parents. Visionary children's museums have become sanctuaries for families caught up in the justice system. Museums have served to bridge cultural and ethnic divides in communities, from bringing recent immigrants together to meld their old traditions with those of their new homes, to offering English as a second language courses.

Letters to the Editor

First view of our community does little to impress

To the editor:

I would like to point out a very ugly eyesore in Grayling Township (which is not in any way their fault).

Almost daily I drive from 4 Mile Road into Grayling on I-75, as I exit all I see is dead trees between the north and south lanes.

This is not only an eyesore, but a danger to motorists from falling trees. Then as you enter the Business Loop 75, there are several more burned trees blocking the view of the Grayling streetscape.

This first view of our

community does little to impress any travelers, tourists or potential businesses to spend any time here.

Very recently I spoke to the Grayling MDOT office about the possibility of removing these trees. I was told the state has very limited funds for projects like this. I was under the impression the state received a considerable sum as payment for the railroads liability causing the fire that made this eyesore.

Tim Francis
Grayling

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published

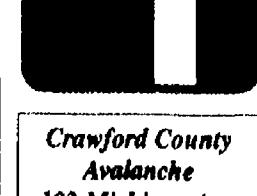
without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

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Briefs

College Art Dept. to hold show

Kirtland Community College's Art Department will host its annual Winter Semester Reception/Exhibition on Thursday, April 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., featuring examples of students works in classes including animation, ceramics, CGI, drawing, design, illustration, photography, sculpture, painting, digital communications, studio graphics and portfolio. For details, e-mail ricet@kirtland.edu or call 989-275-5000, extension 387.

High Tea and Auction to be held

River House, Inc., will hold a High Tea and Silent Auction on Thursday, May 5, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Family Center, 708 Peninsular Ave., Grayling. \$35 paid reservation. 989-348-3169.

Autism support group to meet

An Autism Parental Support meeting will be held on May 2, at 7 p.m. at the Lone Pine Restaurant.

Ancestry research class to be held

On Monday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Devereaux Memorial Library will have experienced genealogists available to assist those interested in their family history/genealogy. If enough interest is shown, the group will continue to meet on Mondays.

Blood drive to be held

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held on Wednesday, May 4, from noon to 5:45 p.m., at the Grayling American Legion.

Kirtland presents Mother's Day dinner and show

The Kirtland Center will present renowned composer and pianist Robin Spielberg on Saturday, May 7 at the Performing Arts Center on Kirtland's main campus in Roscommon. Treat Mom to dinner at the Kirtland Café at 5:30 p.m. with the show following at 7 p.m.

The Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts has been selected to receive funding from Arts Midwest's Performing Arts Fund, funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional contributions from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, General Mills Foundation, and Land O'Lakes Foundation. The Center also received a grant from the Kirtland Community College Foundation to support this presentation.

Arts Midwest Executive Director David J. Fraher says, "Arts Midwest is proud to support the Kirtland Center in their upcoming presentation of Robin Spielberg. In these economically trying times, arts events like this not only provide uplifting experiences for audiences, they also create meaningful jobs for those employed in the arts industry, thus amplifying the effectiveness of our funding."

Robin Spielberg is one of America's most beloved pianist/composers. With an impressive tour schedule and hundreds of thousands of recordings sold, this Steinway Artist has been winning the hearts of listeners around the world with her compelling melodies and sensitive piano technique since debuting her first recording of original

Help Center seeks donations as demand for services triples

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center is seeking donations as the demand for services increases.

The need in the community has grown from helping about 500 families since the Christian Help Center opened in 1993 to helping over 1,400 families last year.

A few years ago, a busy day at the Christian Help Center was helping seven families, said Marianne Gosnell, director for the Christian Help Center.

Now, the Christian Help Center may have between 11 to 26 families seeking help with food in one day.

The number of volunteers has also increased over the years, and the Christian Help Center recently added Assistant Director Dora Mead to help with all the increased work involved to keep up with the number of clients.

The Christian Help Center relies heavily on donations of food and money from individuals, churches and organizations. The Christian Help Center has also received help through grants from the Crawford County United Way, Great Lakes Energy People Fund and the North Central Michigan Community Foundation.

More funds and donations are needed now since more families are seeking services.

"With the need for help growing in these trying times, the need for donations is also growing and

with the economy hitting everyone hard, the donations have decreased," Gosnell said.

Since 1993, over 13,000 clients have been served and over 14,000 bags of food have been given out. Over 300,000 meals have been prepared with the food distributed, Gosnell said.

At first, the mission of the Christian Help Center was just to help provide food, but through the years, the help provided to people in need has expanded. Not only does the Christian Help Center provide food, but it also has an emergency fund to help with utility shut off notices, some prescriptions and occasionally gas vouchers and Dial-A-Ride bus tokens.

The Christian Help Center has a Christmas program, which includes Toys for Tots and a children's winter coat drive.

The Christian Help Center also provided Easter baskets to needy families as well as a supplemental summer meal program for school age children receiving free and reduced lunches.

The Christian Help Center is located at 300 Huron Street and its operating hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Contributions or questions should be directed to Gosnell at 348-6046.

Donations can be brought to the Christian Help Center or mailed to P.O. Box 1115 Grayling, MI 49738.

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Devereaux Memorial Library

Date: Friday, April 29, 2011

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The Bible Speaks

Honoring God's Authority

Finally, comes God's last of 7 instructions concerning our relationship to government: "7Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour."

First, the actions required toward government - Pay your taxes: 7Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom...". There is nothing wrong with legal tax avoidance, that is taking advantage of legally approved tax deductions. However, tax evasion is wrong because it is the use of illegal means to evade taxes. Jesus taught in Matthew 22:21: "...Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

Second, the attitude required toward government - Fear or respect government, "...fear to whom fear..." Romans 13:4 taught us: "...4for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." As Proverbs 24:21 teaches: "21My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change."

Third, the appreciation required toward government, "...honour to whom honour." As Peter said in 1 Peter 2:17: "17Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king." The term "The honorable" is to be used when addressing a letter to a U.S. or state Senator or Representative, a U.S. Ambassador, a Governor, Mayor, or Judge. Military personnel should be addressed by rank. Police should be addressed as officers.

Honoring God's authority in government begins with a proper respect for God's authority taught in the home. Exodus 20:12 commands: "12Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." Ephesians 6:1,2 commands, "1Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise.)" "22Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old." (Proverbs 23:22). Children should not only be taught to respect their parents, but also their elders. "32Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD." (Leviticus 19:32).

America should heed the warning of Proverbs 30:11: "11There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother." I can remember when children were taught to be polite or have good manners. The word "gentle" was used in the title describing such persons when they became men and women. Proverbs 1:8,9 reminds us such virtue will be clearly manifested for all to see: "8My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: 9For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck." Respect for God's authority in the home, government, and church reflects spiritual salt and light making publicly manifest God's will and glory. Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Obituaries

James H. Verlinde

James Henry Verlinde, 77, of Frederic, passed away on Thursday April 21, 2011.

He was born in Frederic, on April 30, 1933, the son of the late Henry and Ida Mae (Walker) Verlinde.

He married the former Barbara Clough on January 19, 1951 in Grayling.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara of 60 years; daughters, Karole Jean (George) Rosin of Frederic, Kelly (Vance) Verlinde of Frederic; sons: James (Anita) Verlinde of Frederic, Craig (Sonja) Verlinde of Oklahoma, Daniel Verlinde of Frederic; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sisters: Helen Cram of Swartz Creek, Edna Allen of Flint, Velma June Wilcox of Frederic; and his beloved dog, Sophie.

He was preceded in death by five sisters; and two brothers.

A funeral service was held on Monday, April 25, 2011 at the Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorenson-lockwood.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

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We had our first conversation by phone on June 17, 1985. It was wonderful to finally find you after so many years of searching.

In 2001 you contacted our father's side of the family so I would know the complete history of our family.

I love you very much and the memories you left me with, I will cherish the rest of my life.

Your loving brother and wife, Jim and Ethel Gilkins, Alma, MI

James A. Crawford

James A. Crawford, 61, formerly of Grayling, passed away in Whitehall at Heartland Healthcare Center on November 19, 2010, after a long illness.

He was born in Grayling, on June 28, 1949, to James W. and Betty (Wimble) Crawford.

He was a graduate of Royal Oak Kimball High School and Kirtland Community College.

He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He served in the Army infantry and was awarded a silver star while on one of his 99 combat missions. He later enlisted in the Navy and became a Chief Quartermaster while in the Navy Reserve. After five years in the Navy, he worked for Bendix Corporation in Houghton Lake.

He was married to Quin Sutton and they moved to Grayling.

He retired from Lear Corporation in 2005. He was a member of the UAW and the American Legion. He was an avid outdoorsman, he loved to fish and hunt.

For the last three years he lived at Michago Beach Estates in Montague.

He is survived by his brother, Michael Crawford of Las Vegas; sons: Kyle Crawford of Rochester Hills, Ben Crawford of Grayling, Ross Crawford of Montague; uncle, Lloyd Crawford; aunt, Anita (Jim) Myers of Troy; and granddaughter, Samantha Crawford of Grayling.

He was preceded in death by his father, James W. Crawford; mother, Betty Crawford; and sister, Jill Crawford.

A military honor memorial will be held at Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling, on Saturday, May 7, at 11 a.m. Immediately following the ceremony, there will be a gathering of family and friends at the American Legion, on James Street, Grayling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marshall Collen Roe; two brothers, Harry and Fred Sauer, Jr.

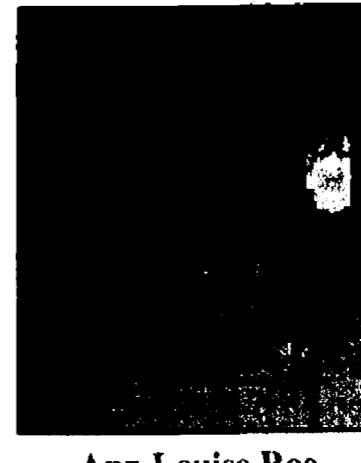
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Joining her beloved husband of over sixty years, she will be laid to eternal rest at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding." Proverbs 3:5.

Final arrangements are not yet determined.

Gifts may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave SE, Ada, MI 49301.



Ann Louise Roe

Ann Louise (Sauer) Roe, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, died April 17, 2011 at age 92.

She was born May 24, 1918 in Detroit.

Her mother Maude (Hanneman) Sauer was from Columbiaville, her father, Fred Sauer, immigrated to the United States at the age of 16 and became a successful business man.

She graduated from high school in Detroit, where she was Valedictorian of her graduating class.

She was named after two adoring aunts and when growing up was always called Anna-Louise.

From an early age she demonstrated a love for animals - especially horses and puppies, which was passed on to her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

After rearing three children in Franklin, she and Mr. Roe turned their attention to travel, spending winters in Arizona and Hawaii, and summers at the lake near Gaylord and then Grayling.

She also loved to bake, collect antiques and was an avid reader of novels by contemporary authors. Her most passionate trait was organization and home decorating. Everything in her home reflected a focus on detail and a flare for color coordination.

She recently moved from Sun City Center, Fla., to Waterford, to be closer to her children.

Her children are Deborah Ann Roe, of Ortonville, Roger Douglas Roe, of Howell, and Marshall Collen Roe, Jr. of Grayling. She has nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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Lillian G. Marquardt

Lillian G. Marquardt, 80, of Grayling, passed away April 25, 2011 at Bay Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Bay City on April 25, 1931, to the late George and Bertha (Clover) Vink.

She was formerly a member of St. Hyacinth Church in Bay City and currently a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

On August 30, 1952, she married Harold A. Marquardt and he survives her.

She is also survived by five children: Gail Marquardt, Dale Marquardt, Dawn M. (Julian) Williams, Harold "Luke" A. (Jackie) Marquardt and Cindy (Patrick) Burnette; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren with one soon to be born; a brother, George (Kim) Vink, as well as her very special friends, Terry and Linda French.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jill Lillian Marquardt; and two sisters, Roma Vink and Elvina Willette.

Funeral Liturgy will be on Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Hyacinth Church. The Rev. Father Edward J. Konieczka will preside. Rite of Committal will follow in Floral Gardens Cemetery.

Friends may call at Penzien-Steele Funeral Home, 608 N. Madison Ave., Bay City, on Thursday from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. A Vigil for the deceased will be held at 7 p.m. She will lie in state at the church on Friday from 10 a.m. until service time.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

William Schreiber

William "Bill" D. Schreiber, passed away at his home in Gaylord, on April 9.

A grave side committal ceremony will be held May 7, at Fairview cemetery in Gaylord, with a luncheon immediately following at the Gaylord First United Methodist Church.

Shirley Reniger

The memorial service originally scheduled for Friday, April 29 for Shirley Reniger has been cancelled and will be rescheduled. Details for the rescheduled service will be published when they are available.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Area Events

Houghton Lake - The regular meeting of the North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, May 3, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

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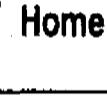
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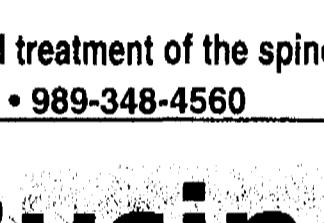
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"Write On!" an adult writing club will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, May 3 at 5 p.m. This month's exercise is 'A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words' using random photos to prompt a story. Call Jane at 989-348-9214 for more details.

"Sit n' Knit" will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, May 5 at 10 a.m.

Fashion used to

battle cancer



A Relay for Life Fashion Show, hosted by the Curves for a Cure Team, was held earlier this month at the Grayling Eagles Club. The successful event raised over \$1,100 for the American Cancer Society. Clothing for the show came from Riverland, the Grayling K-mart and Pineview Surplus. Silent auction items were donated by J-Dap, Curves, Sledheads of Frederic, Davis Jewelers and Radio Shack. Food came from Glen's Market and Wendy's of Grayling. Above, Curves for a Cure member Barb Domeik displays an outfit from Grayling's K-mart line up of women's fashions.

Births

Colleen and Darren Gardner, of Roscommon, announce the birth of their son, Colton Michael, born at Mercy Hospital on April 9, 2011, at 2:11 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 5 ozs., and measuring 20 1/2 inches in length.

Courtney and Clay Yoder of Mio, announce the birth of their daughter, Ava Ann-Marie, born at Mercy Hospital on April 12, 2011, at 4:57 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 9 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

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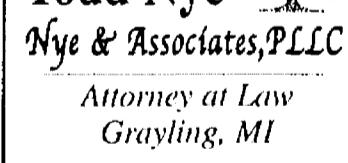
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The Lovells Township Historical Society's ninth annual Trout Opener will feature an exhibit on "The AuSable School of Fly Tying" displaying the timeless fly patterns and the men who made them. Featured will be the Ernie Borcher's special, pictured above. Left, Borchers is pictured on the river with his creel and fly fishing hat displaying his renowned flies.

Lovells Trout Opener will be held Saturday

The Lovells Township Historical Society's ninth annual Trout Opener will take place on Saturday.

The celebration of the opening day of trout fishing season will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, on the Lovells Township grounds located at 8405 Twin Bridge Road.

The Trout Fishing Museum will feature an exhibit on "The AuSable School of Fly Tying" displaying the timeless fly patterns and the men who made them. Featured will be the Ernie Borcher's Special, Clarence Robert's Yellow Drake, Earl Madsen's Skunk, Robert Smock's Dark Sulphur and Jerry McClain's Yarn Fly along with many others.

The Lone Pine Schoolhouse Museum will focus on Lovells Pioneer families such as Kellogg, Caid, Stillwagon, Duby and Gregory as well as businesses, clubs, organizations and community events.

The third annual Leaky Wader 1K Fun Run will begin with the firing of a starter pistol at 11:30 a.m. Registration begins at 10:30

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A new event this year will be an Arts and Crafts Festival that will run all day in the Lovells Township Hall.

Contemporary AuSable fly tiers, bamboo rod builders, reel makers as

well as a wide variety of artists will display their works. A fly tying table, manned by experienced tiers, will also be made available to children for the first time to assist them in creating their own flies.

The Lovells Township Historical Society's Annual Guide lunch will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Lovells Township Hall.

Another new opportunity this year is a raffle to win a Richard Perry hand-crafted bamboo fly rod. A limited numbers of tickets will be sold and the winner will be

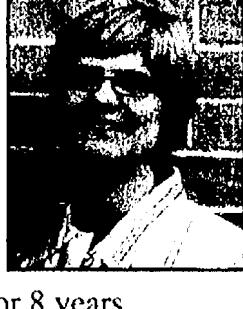
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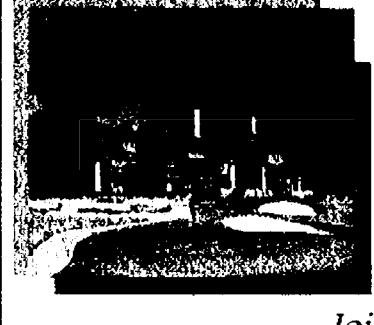
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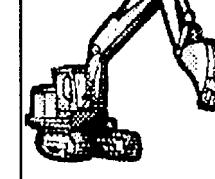
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The Grayling Bicycle Turnpike, a pathway that runs from Hanson Hills to Grayling High School to Hartwick Pines State Park, gives bicyclists an opportunity to ride on a smooth, paved surface.

boating are all within close range of the bicyclist. Bikes are allowed on all paved and non-paved roads in all 97 state parks and recreation areas. Bikes may also be operated on designated bike paths."

"Mountain bike trails, however, are different from bike paths. While bike paths are paved or hard surfaced and tend

to be quite smooth, mountain bike trails tend to consist of a more rugged terrain, characterized by a natural soil surface, narrower trail width, changing slopes and gradients. These distinctions should be noted before you prepare to take a trip to one of the state parks or state forest pathways and use the mountain bike trails," according to DNRE.

The Grayling area has both trails and pathways for bicyclists. Hanson Hills Recreation Area has an extensive trail system for those who prefer natural terrain. The Grayling Bicycle Turnpike, a pathway that runs from Hanson Hills to Grayling High School to Hartwick Pines State Park, gives bicyclists an opportunity to ride on a smooth, paved surface.

"Recreational staples such as hiking, camping, fishing, hunting and picnicking are just the beginning of all the adventures available to park and forest visitors," according to DNRE. "Boating, biking, sightseeing, wildlife watching, ice fishing, water skiing, horseback riding, off-roading in your vehicle, nature study, skating, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, sailboarding or just lounging around and relaxing with family and friends are all available. No matter where you go, there's a state park or forest that offers what you want to do."

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Fishing

Anglers are gearing up for the upcoming trout fishing season, which officially begins on Saturday, April 30. The first day of trout fishing season will also mark the beginning of wall-eye, pike, salmon, and muskellunge fishing seasons.

The AuSable and Manistee are "Class I" rivers, with no "whitewater" or rapids. Canoists can maneuver around the rivers' natural "logjams and "sweepers" (trees that hang out low over the river) without too much trouble. The water averages three to four feet deep in most places.

Canoeing season usually starts in May and runs until late September or early October. Summer weekends can be very busy at area canoe liveries, so advance reservations are recommended. Guests are encouraged to dress appropriately. It's a good idea to bring an extra sweatshirt, rain gear, or a change of clothing in a secure, plastic bag. Visitors should also remember sunscreen and lightweight, long-sleeved shirts to provide sun protection on hot summer days.

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liveries ask that canoeists do not bring glass bottles or styrofoam coolers.

"We have a wonderful natural resource in our rivers," according to one local canoe livery.

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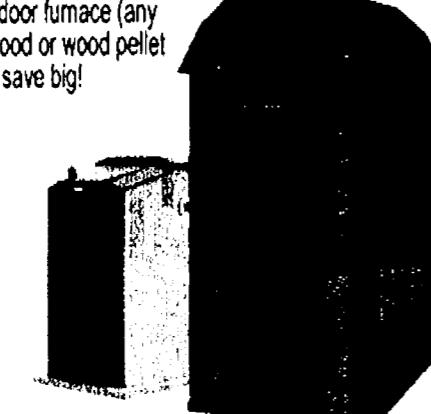
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Weather forces a full week of canceled sports events

Some of the lost games, meets will not be rescheduled

by Caleb Casey

Senior Staff Writer

One week. Gone. Weather conditions and field conditions, including two days of snow, forced game and meet cancellations across the board last week for Grayling High School's spring sports teams.

"This weather has really hurt our spring programs," said GHS Athletic Director Tim Sanchez, who's also the coach of the girls tennis team this spring. "We are already at a disadvantage being up north, with starting weeks later than the schools

further south of us. We typically have a difficult time playing our full schedules as it is. Now, with the poor weather we have been having, combined with having certain days 'blocked off' the schedule due to award banquets schools have, making up all of our games will just simply not be possible. Most of our teams can probably expect to play around 75 percent of their regular season. We will do our best, however, and I'm sure our coaches and athletes will be as ready as they can be heading into the postseason."

Some of the games and meets that were lost to cancellations last week have been rescheduled; some have not.

The varsity baseball and softball home doubleheaders slated for last Tuesday vs. Harrison have been rescheduled for Friday, May 13, at 4:30 p.m.

"As far as baseball goes it hurts a lot. We only get so many games before we get full swing into league play.

We have lost out on that opportunity. We have had three outside practices so we are losing out on a lot of chances to get better," said Bret Krabill, coach of the GHS varsity baseball team.

"There is only so much you can practice in the gym. Luckily we have still been able to work on pitching and keeping pitch counts where they need to be by throwing simulated innings."

"We may have to cancel some of our games later in the season in hopes of trying to get all of our league games in," Coach Krabill said.

The baseball and softball teams also had nonconference series vs. Harrison canceled last Thursday. The makeup date for those contests is Friday, May 20. The varsity teams will host the Hornets at 4:30 p.m. and the JV squads will play at Harrison starting at 4 p.m.

The soccer team's away game slated for Thursday, April 21, at Elk Rapids has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 25, at 5

p.m.

"It was disappointing to have two games canceled this week. At this point we have already had three games canceled," said Craig Cobb, coach of the girls soccer team. "The girls are looking forward to this coming week as we have three games."

The boys and girls track and field teams lost a home varsity meet and an away JV meet last week. The squads have two meets slated for this week, including West Branch Ogemaw Heights' Falcon Invitational at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 29.

"Wonderful northern Michigan weather," said Dan Helms, coach of the GHS boys track team. "This weather has put us behind but the athletes are taking it pretty well and are itching to get on the track. The downside is less meets for the season; the upside is that now there is more time to prepare for our first meet."

Honors (Sports)

Mike Boylan, a 2007 graduate of Grayling High School, recently received a Bud Cooper Coaches Award from Lake Superior State University's men's basketball program.

Boylan, a junior at LSSU, "continues to expand his role on the team and importance to the LSSU athletics program. The 6'10" center, who represented LSSU at a GLIAC SAAC leadership conference last spring, became a favorite among elementary school students on National Reading Day. He played a sixth-man role this season and appeared in 23 games," according to a statement from LSSU.

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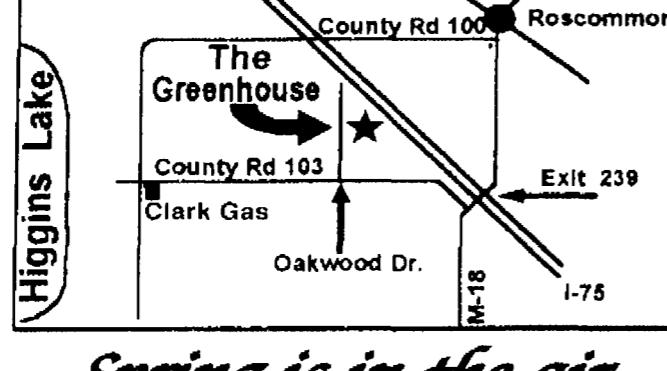
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Fishing Regulations: AuSable River, Manistee River

Fishing regulations on the AuSable River and the Manistee River vary from section to section, with many miles carrying the "gear restricted" designation. According to the Department of Natural Resources' "2011 Michigan Fishing Guide," this year's regulations - some of which are different than in previous fishing seasons - for the AuSable and the Manistee include:

The **Manistee River**, from headwaters downstream to County Road 612, is considered "type 2" regulations: Possession Season: last Saturday in April through Sept. 30. Minimum Size: brook trout 10", brown trout 12", rainbow trout 10". Daily Possession Limit: five, but no more than three trout 15" or greater.

The **AuSable River Mainstream** from the I-75 Business Loop (James Street) downstream to Burton's Landing is also considered "type 2."

The **AuSable River Mainstream** from McMasters Bridge downstream to Rainbow Bend power line is listed as "type 4" regulations: Possession Season: last Saturday in April through Sept. 30 for brook trout, brown trout, and Atlantic salmon, open the entire year for all other trout and salmon. Minimum Size: brook trout 8", brown trout 10", rainbow trout 10". Daily Possession Limit: five, but no more than three trout 15" or greater.

AuSable River, Mainstream from

Burton's Landing to Wakeley Bridge, "gear restricted." Possession Season: closed for the entire year. Tackle: artificial flies only. Daily Possession Limit: zero trout.

AuSable River, Mainstream from Wakeley Bridge to McMasters Bridge, "gear restricted." Possession Season: last Saturday in April through Sept. 30 for brook trout and brown trout, open for the entire year for rainbow trout. Tackle: artificial flies only. Daily Possession Limit: two trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one trout 18" or greater. Minimum Size: brook trout 10", brown trout 18", rainbow trout 10".

AuSable River, North Branch from Sheep Ranch to confluence with Mainstream, "gear restricted." Possession Season: last Saturday in April through Sept. 30 for brook trout and brown trout, open for the entire year for rainbow trout. Tackle: artificial flies only. Daily Possession Limit: two trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one trout 18" or greater. Minimum Size: brook trout 10", brown trout 18", rainbow trout 10".

AuSable River, South Branch from Chase Bridge to Lower High Banks, "gear restricted." Possession Season: closed for the entire year. Tackle: artificial flies only. Daily Possession Limit: zero trout.

AuSable River, South Branch from

Lower High Banks to confluence with Mainstream, "gear restricted." Possession Season: last Saturday in April through Sept. 30 for brook trout and brown trout, open for the entire year for rainbow trout. Tackle: artificial flies only. Daily Possession Limit: two trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one trout 18" or greater. Minimum Size: brook trout 10", brown trout 18", rainbow trout 10".

Manistee River from County Road 612 to M-72, "gear restricted." Possession Season: last Saturday in April through Sept. 30 for brook trout and brown trout, open for the entire year for rainbow trout. Tackle: artificial flies only. Daily Possession Limit: two trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one trout 18" or greater. Minimum Size: brook trout 10", brown trout 18", rainbow trout 10".

Manistee River from M-72 to CCC Bridge, "gear restricted." Possession Season: last Saturday in April through Sept. 30 for brook trout and brown trout, open for the entire year for rainbow trout. Tackle: artificial flies only. Daily Possession Limit: two trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one trout 18" or greater. Minimum Size: brook trout 10", brown trout 18", rainbow trout 10".

Manistee River from M-72 to CCC Bridge, "gear restricted." Possession Season: last Saturday in April through Sept. 30 for brook trout and brown trout, open for the entire year for rainbow trout. Tackle: artificial flies only. Daily Possession Limit: two trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one trout 18" or greater. Minimum Size: brook trout 10", brown trout 18", rainbow trout 10".

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As a long time supporter of our schools, I understand the realities we are faced with during this time of unprecedented change and financial uncertainty in the field of education. As an entrepreneur and businessman, I am keenly aware of the need for vision, balanced with accountability and financial responsibility.

I know my skills and experience will bring a unique perspective and vision to Kirtland, as we look to the future. I am interested in serving on the Kirtland Board of Trustees, because I believe Kirtland is critical to our communities' future, and I want to do whatever I can to support our college and our community.

As a member of the board, my goal will be to help ensure that Kirtland continues to provide meaningful programs and skills, to meet the educational and economic needs of the communities that sustain it. Our college must provide a diverse curriculum for all students to succeed - whether in trade, technical or transfer programs - Kirtland should be the starting point for our local students to become part of our greatest resource, the American workforce.

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NOTICE OF BORROWER'S RIGHTS

THIS NOTICE CONCERNS Jerry Balmer ("BORROWER") REGARDING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6641 Tomahawk Trl Grayling MI 49738. THE BORROWER HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A MEETING WITH INDEPENDENT BANK AND SHOULD CONTACT Christine A. AT 989-366-1508 TO SCHEDULE A MEETING IF DESIRED. THIS PERSON HAS THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE AGREEMENTS UNDER MCL 600.3205b AND MCL 600.3205c. THE BORROWER MAY CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR BY VISITING THE MSHDA WEBSITE (www.mshda.info/counseling_search) OR BY CALLING THE MSHDA (1-866-946-7432). IF THE BORROWER REQUESTS A MEETING WITH THE PERSON DESIGNATED ABOVE WITHIN THE STATUTORY PERIOD, FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS WILL NOT BE COMMENCED UNTIL 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THAT NOTICE WAS MAILED TO THE BORROWER IF THE BORROWER AND THE PERSON DESIGNATED ABOVE REACH AN AGREEMENT TO MODIFY THE BORROWER'S MORTGAGE LOAN, THE MORTGAGE WILL NOT BE FORECLOSED IF THE BORROWER ABIDES BY THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT. THE BORROWER HAS THE RIGHT TO CONTACT AN ATTORNEY. THE MICHIGAN STATE BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 1-800-968-0738.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In such event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to a return or refund of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest at the rate set forth herein.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Matthew Thomas Godek and Kelli Ann Godek, husband and wife, Mortgagor, of 9294 Pine Walk Pass, Linden, Michigan 48451, to Chemical Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, of 333 E. Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640, Mortgagee, dated December 9, 2008, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and

State of Michigan, on December 12, 2008, in Liber 694, at page 116, of the Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal, interest and late fees, as of the date of this notice, the sum of Twenty-One Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Two and Four Hundredths Dollars (\$21,152.04).

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed in the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, in Grayling, State of Michigan, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held, by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, of the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon at Seven and Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousandths percent (7.375%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys' fees allowed by law, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the Mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, commonly known as Parcel 9 Braun Trail, Frederic, Michigan and more particularly described as follows:

Part of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East one-quarter corner of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 4 West; thence South 00°19'58" East 168.61 feet; thence South 89°24'37" West 1268.17 feet; thence South 01°21'15" East 350.44 feet; thence South 35°57'42" West 848.11 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 74°26'45" East 1134.36 feet to a point on the Westerly line of a 66 foot wide private road "Brunn Trail South" thence along the Westerly line of said private road; South 12°31'41" West 160.00 feet; thence South 20°57'41" East 118.36 feet; thence South 38°54'38" W, 250.00 feet to the centerline of said private road; thence North 01°25'59" West along said centerline 84.10 feet; thence North 74°16'05" West 635.84 feet; thence South 89°45'44" West 296.05 feet; thence North 00°00'00" East 500.00 feet to the point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO a 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities said easement also being known as "Brunn Trail South" more fully

described as 33 feet either side of the centerline described as follows: Commencing at the East quarter corner of said Section 1; thence South 00°19'57" East along the East line of said Section 1 a distance of 606.30 feet to the Point of Beginning of said 66 foot wide easement; thence South 60°16'38" West 269.55 feet; thence South 21°50'39" West, continuing along said centerline 349.56 feet; thence South 65°26'47" West, continuing along said centerline 205.71 feet; thence South 12°31'41" West, continuing along said centerline 555.89 feet; thence South 35°26'33" West, continuing along said centerline 254.44 feet; thence South 01°25'17" East continuing along said centerline, 312.38 feet; thence South 01°25'59" East, continuing along said centerline, 447.76 feet to the South line of said Section 1 and the point of Ending of said 66 foot wide easement.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale; provided, however, that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following such sale.

Date: April 14, 2011
William R. Garchow (P61833)
CURRIE KENDALL, PLC
6024 Eastman Avenue
Midland, Michigan 48640
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Attorneys for Chemical Bank
-14-21-28-5-12

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by THOMAS WEDDING as Mortgagor, to FAMILY FIRST CREDIT UNION (F/K/A SAGINAW MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' CREDIT UNION) as Mortgagor, which mortgage is dated January 18, 2000, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on February 9, 2000, in Liber 501 at Pages 95-102, and upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$69,739.94, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 10 a.m., at the front door of the Crawford County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 11 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the Township of Lovells, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner, Section 13, T28N-R2W, Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan; thence S01°20'10"E along the N-S 1/4 line 1289.84 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing S01°20'10"E 1020.40 feet; thence N 89°34'13"E 970.02 feet; thence S01°20'10"E 269.44 feet; thence S09°34'13"E along the E-W 1/4 line 333.39 feet; thence N01°30'30"W along the East 1/8 line 579.28 feet; thence N89°57'40"W 200 feet; thence S01°30'30"E 100.00 feet; thence N89°57'40"W 520.21 feet; thence N01°30'30"W 800.00 feet; thence N89°57'40"W along the North 1/8 line 579.57 feet to the point of beginning, containing 19.59 acres more or less. Subject to a county road right of way over the easterly side thereof.

Also subject to: A 100 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and installations and maintenance of public utilities described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said, Section 13, T28N-R2W; thence S01°20'10"E along the N-S 1/4 line 1289.84 feet; thence S09°57'40"E along the North 1/8 line 579.57 feet; thence

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made between GRANT McKINNEY, a single man, whose address is 2593 Wynewood Road, Grayling, Michigan 49738, as Mortgagor, and FIRSTBANK-WEST BRANCH MORTGAGE COMPANY, a Michigan banking corporation, whose address is 502 West Houghton Avenue, West Branch, Michigan 48661, as Mortgagee, dated June 14, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan on June 23, 2006, in Liber 682, Page 103, upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN AND 65/100 (\$85,437.65) DOLLARS, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on May 11, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, in the lobby of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held) of the premises described in said Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due of said Mortgage, with interest thereon at 6.8750% per annum, and all legal costs, expenses and charges, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned to protect its interest in the premises.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 28, 2011
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
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(989) 893-9511
-14-21-28-5-12

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by Raymond L Houghton a married man and Kathy M Houghton his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 6, 2004, and recorded on December 15, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 924, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Nationstar Mortgage LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Seven and 23/100 Dollars (\$90,597.23), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 18, 2011.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 9, Block 9 Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 14, 2011

For more information, please call: FCI L (248) 593-1312
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CIRCUIT COURT SALE

Case # 10-8271-CH

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE--A Default Judgment Granting Plaintiff a Monetary Award and Foreclosing Real Property was entered by the Honorable Dennis F. Murphy, Crawford County Circuit Court Judge, on February 3, 2011, in the matter of Rose Acceptance, Inc., Plaintiff, v James D. Darling, Lori A. Darling, and Citifinancial, Inc., Defendants, Case # 10-8271-CH. Said judgment provides that if Defendant(s) fail to pay Plaintiff the sum of \$33,274.38, plus interest at the rate of 10.70% per annum, within 21 days of the judgment, that the property described below is to be sold at public auction, with the proceeds to be applied toward the satisfaction of the debt.

Pursuant to the order of the Court, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the property described below, or some part of them, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at 10:00 in the forenoon, at the place of holding of the circuit court in the county in which the land is situated.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 8, Ber-mar Woods No. 1, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 1, Crawford County Records; c/k/a 3147 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653

The redemption period shall be six months.

Dated: April 14, 2011

KIRK WAKEFIELD SHERIFF

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Grayling Charter Township Zoning Board To hold public hearing

The Grayling Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, May 16th, 2011, at 7 p.m. in the town hall to hear public comment on the following requests:

Case # 11-03 Request for variance

Petitioner: Carl Schubert and Kim Dimont
Address: 2254 and 2292 Murray Drive
Grayling, MI 49738

Local Address: Same
Property ID# 040-41-010-14-020-00
Zoning: NRD – Natural River District
Lot size: 40-acres

Request: Project #1 – Raze existing structure at 2254 Murray and rebuild on existing site. The closest point of construction to the river would still be 32-ft requiring a front setback variance of 168-ft.

Project #2 – Connect existing garage and home at 2292 Murray with a 15-ft by 34-ft addition. The closest point of construction to the river will be 141-ft, requiring a 59-ft front setback variance.

Note: If approved, petitioner has a pre-approved split of a conforming 80,000-sq-ft lot at 2254 Murray, to separate properties.

Non-conformances: Current non-conformance is that two homes are on one property.

Zoning justification: Ordinance 2003-02, Article XVI, Section 16.05.C, "One single-family dwelling will be permitted on each lot or parcel within the Natural River District subject to building setbacks as set forth in Section 16.07."

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing.

Text and maps of requests are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

Terry Wright, Supervisor/Zoning Administrators

COMMENCING 743 FEET EAST AND 262 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH 1/8 POST BETWEEN SECTION 7 AND 8, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, THENCE NORTH 118 FEET, THENCE WEST 95 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 118 FEET, THENCE EAST 269.44 FEET, BEING IN THE UNPLATTED PART OF THE CITY OF GRAYLING, IN SECTION 8, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST.

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April 28, 1988 - Joyce Schultes (left) and Christopher Dorman, both first graders at Grayling Elementary School, display a blue spruce and Douglas fir seedling, 2 of 1,800 given to Crawford AuSable and Gerrish Higgins school students by Weyerhaeuser Company.

23 Years Ago April 28, 1988

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association recognized this year what Grayling students, parents and sports fans have known for years that Coach Don Ferguson deserves a spot in the MHSFCA Hall of Fame. On April 16, at University of Michigan's Crisler Arena, Ferguson and 19 other outstanding high school football coaches from throughout the state were guests at a banquet to officially induct them into the Hall of Fame.

The Vikings baseball team pounded Fairview 10-0 and

10-1 in the opening double-header of the season on April 18. Chris Skidmore struck out five and only allowed one hit, in the fifth inning of the opener. Jeff Palmer struck out 10 and only allowed two hits in the second game.

46 Years Ago April 29, 1965

On Friday after school Linda Hummel, Debbie Post, Helen Babbitt and Pam Spaulding rode bicycles from Frederic to Hummels, where they spent the night. The next morning they rode bicycles from Hummels 12 miles to Spaulding's, where they took a

canoe ride down the river.

Don Legg is moving the former Amelia Smith house from its location next to Don's Standard station to the corner of Erie and Vine Street, planning to make it a rental property.

Mrs. Pearl Matthews has retired from her position as morning cook at the Grayling Restaurant for the past 18 years. Before that she was at Shoppenagons Inn for 11 years.

Brad Williams, 12, of Grayling did what any old-time trout fisherman would like to have done this past opening weekend. Brad landed an 18 inch, three pound brown trout at quarter to seven on opening morning from the East Branch on the AuSable. Not content, he went back to the stream Sunday morning and caught a 26 inch rainbow.

The Frederic Eagles baseball team split in their first two consecutive contests on the baseball diamond, losing last Tuesday to Gaylord St. Mary's 15-0 as three Gaylord pitchers hurled a one-hitter. The Eagles came back on Friday to stop Alba 11-8.

69 Years Ago April 30, 1942

James Tinker caught a 21 inch rainbow trout on the main stream of the AuSable river the first day of the season.

Mrs. Theodore Leslie is

the new waitress at the Snack Bar, taking the place of Miss Betty Parkinson, who resigned.

Larry McNamara proved himself quite a fisherman when he caught two rainbow trout nine and seven inches long, and one chub nine inches.

Friday, April 24, marked the 50th anniversary of the founding of the local Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church and the occasion was fittingly observed last Sunday, on April 26. Special services were held at 11 a.m. with Rev. Edwin E. Hanson of Marlette, President of District 2, as the guest pastor.

Bill Joseph was home from Camp Custer over the weekend.

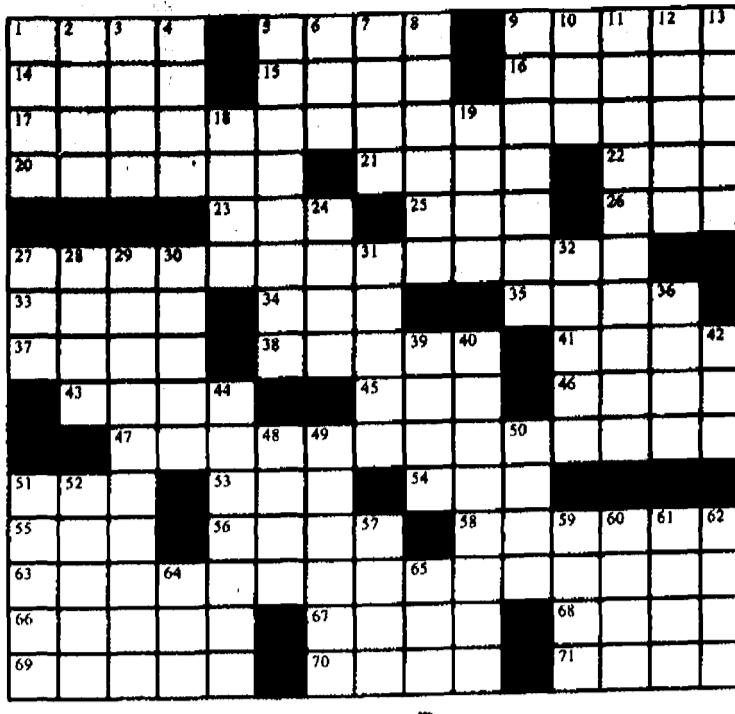
92 Years Ago May 1, 1919

E.J. Olson is having an addition built onto his shoe repairing shop.

The interior of Mercy Hospital has been nicely repainted and redecorated and presents a very pleasing appearance. All the work that has been done by Waldemar Jenson and his crew of men.

Robert Ziebell has resigned his position as deliverman at the Peterson grocery and now has charge of the Salling Hanson Co. warehouses.

CROSSWORD

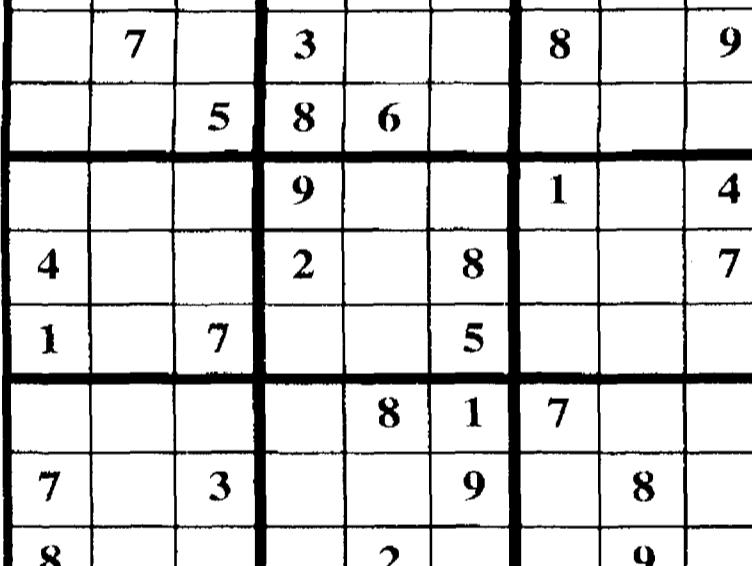


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4. Bananas
5. Kneeling bench for prayer
6. Carbonium, e.g.
7. Big galoots
8. Shack
9. Sidebar item
10. "I" problem
11. Soldiers' long march
12. Former monetary units of India
13. Abate
14. Door feature
15. Masked critter
16. Flight data, briefly
17. Lizard, old-style
18. Inside shot?
19. Total devastations
20. Adult insect
21. About to explode
22. Positions
23. Garment worn by Hindu women
24. Neuter
25. Protract
26. Nipper
27. Creates
28. At no time, poetically
29. Excoriate
30. Drops from the sky
31. Sticky
32. Taste, e.g.
33. Boris Godunov, for one
34. Give away
35. Digestion aid
36. "Comme ci, comme ça"
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SUDOKU

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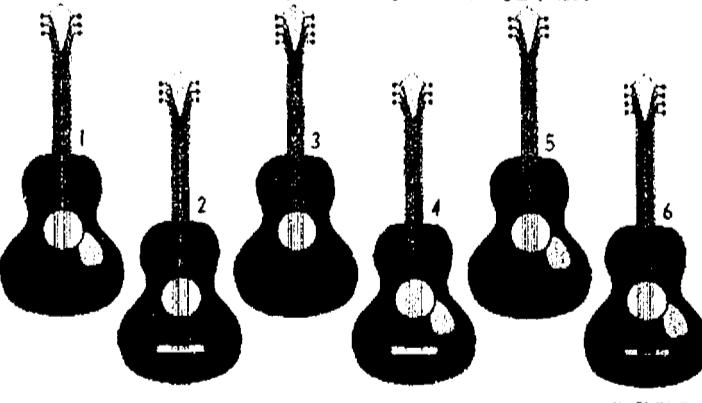


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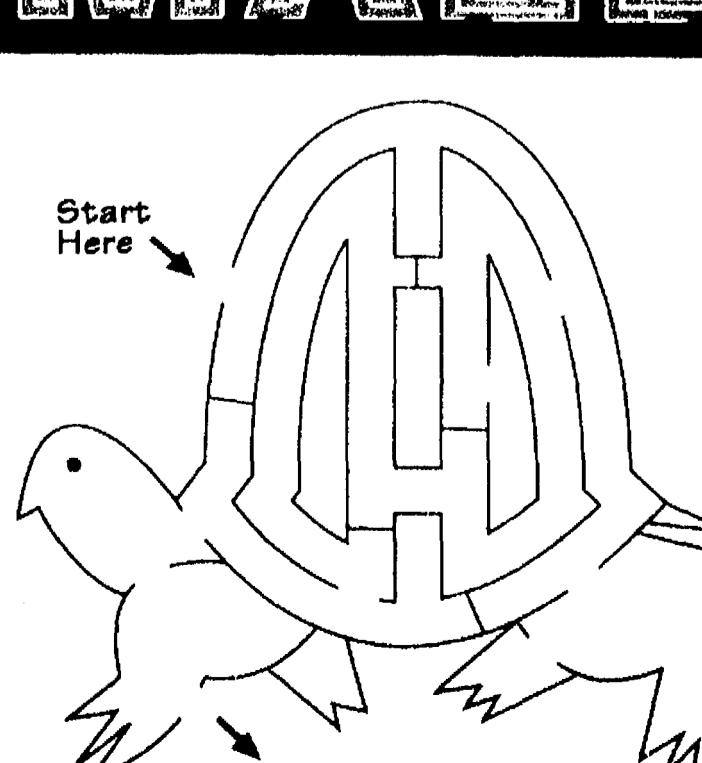


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Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast				
Date	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
4/18	44	26	0			
4/19	40	27	0.67			
4/20	35	27	0.03			
4/21	47	27	0			
4/22	48	35	0.14			
4/23	49	27	0			
4/24	58	30	0			

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

BRUSCHETTA MINUTE STEAKS

Ingredients:

- 1 Tbsp. oil
- 6 thin boneless beef minute steaks (1-1/2 lb.), 1/4 inch thick
- 2 large tomatoes, chopped
- 1 yellow pepper, finely chopped

Directions:

HEAT oil in large skillet on medium-high heat. Add steaks; cook 1 min. on each side or until lightly browned on both sides. Meanwhile, combine tomatoes, peppers and dressing. SPOON tomato mixture over steaks; top with stuffing and cheese. Cover. SIMMER on medium-low heat 3 to 5 min. or until cheese is melted and steak is cooked to medium doneness (160°F).

Prep Time: 15 mins
Cook Time: 20 mins
Serves: 6

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1. Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER 200 feet river frontage on Flies Only section of AuSable River at Wakeley Bridge. Home is 50 feet off river with guest cabin and detached garage. \$225,000. Call 989-390-0833. (-3/17/11/tf/1)

HOUSE FOR SALE 2-3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/tf/1)

2. For Rent

CLOSE TO TOWN Two efficiency cabins. \$380 per month, \$380 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. No pets. Spring special \$100 off first months rent. 348-5124. (-28/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT Newer three bedroom, two bath home with 2 car detached garage. \$700 per month with one month's security. Propane budget \$125 per month. No pets. Located in Beaver Creek Township near 4 Mile Road exit. Phone 989-915-9563. (-28/2)

FOR RENT HOLY WATER private RV, level slab site with electric. No pets. \$75, 3 day minimum. Additional days \$22. Cash only, 989-348-8466. (-28/5/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT 6251 M-72 West, 1/2 mile from city. Large parking lot, 840 sq. ft., suitable for office, retail, beauty shop, \$550 month. 989-348-4716. (-4/28/11/tf/2)

MONTHLY HOME RENTALS near Grayling. Houghton Lake, Roscommon and Higgins Lake. 2 and 3 bedroom. Higgins North Property Services, 989-821-3434. (-1/13/11/tf/2)

1. Real Estate

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3BD, 1BTH, 840 Sq. Ft., located at 600 Madsen St., Grayling, \$19,900. Visit: www.roselandco.com/9CY Drive by then call (866)924-8348

2. For Rent

RIVER FRONT 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fully furnished, second story apartment in downtown Grayling. Includes water, lawn maintenance, snow plowing. No pets, no smoking. \$950/month. 989-370-1290. (-3/10/11/tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007/tf/2)

LAKE HOME FOR RENT Clean 3 bedroom home with view and access to Lake Margrethe. Large two car garage on large lot. \$750/month plus security deposit. Available April 2011. 586-228-2874. (-7-14-21-28/2)

LOG HOME on East Branch. 3 - 4 bedroom, 3 bath. 989-326-7206. (-14-21-28-5/2)

Grayling Pines Apartments

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1- and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777. (-8/12/10/tf/2)

2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM, 2 CAR attached garage located on Main Street. Rent \$625, plus deposit. No smoking, no pets. Call 390-0846. (-3/24/11/tf/2)

201 FULTON STREET One bedroom upper level apartment. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Air conditioned, individual locked storage in basement with washer and dryer. Garage with auto opener. Non smoking only in a smoke free building. No pets. \$485 per month, \$450 security deposit plus utilities. References required. Call 989-350-4050. (-3/31/11/tf/2)

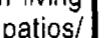
ARBOR COURT in Grayling is accepting applications for 1 & 2 bdr. Rent is based on 30% of the adjusted gross income. For more information call Pam at 989-732-6237 or pick up application at 400 Madsen Street. Barrier Free Units available. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. TDD 1-800-649-3777. (-8/12/10/tf/2)

2. For Rent

Whispering Pines Apartments

Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas.

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3. Employment
Executive Director:

River House, Inc. is a private non-profit agency serving the needs of those experiencing Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse, and Homelessness in the Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw, and Roscommon County area. Applications will be reviewed starting on April 30, 2011. For full job posting details, visit Mercygrayling.com. Only online applications are accepted. Questions about the position can be directed to River House at 989-348-3169

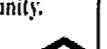
1. Real Estate

Cobble Creek II Apartments

a family community located in Grayling, MI is currently accepting applications for 1 Bedroom, 2 Bedrooms Apartments. Units of barrier free design may also be available. Rent is based on income.

For affordable housing call 989-348-3150

This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider, Equal Housing Opportunity.

2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT 1 1/2 baths, all appliances. \$645 plus deposit. No pets, non-smoking, 989-344-9070. (-21-28/2)

3. Employment
EXPERIENCED TREE TRIMMER WANTED. Must have valid driver license. Please call 989-390-0187. (-4/28/11/tf/3)

HIGH PAYING CAREERS for men and women in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. 888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-3-10-17-24-31-7-14-21-28-5-12-19-26-29-16-23-30/3)

WRECKER DRIVERS NEEDED for Crawford County area. Must have a good driving record, no DUI's and pass a drug test. Auto Body Technician wanted. Send resume to P.O. Box 259, Frederic, MI 49733. (-7-14-21-28/3)

COLLEGE STUDENTS NEEDED as summer managers for Higgins Lake Resort, from mid June to mid August. Ideal candidate must have an ability to interact with people and to complete physical tasks. Must be available 6 days a week including weekends. 989-821-6261. (-7-14-21-28/3)

CANOE LIVERY DRIVING JOBS available. College students need at job? Looking for someone hard working able to lift 50 to 70 lbs. and has a good driving record. Must have great customer social skills. Contact Carlisle Canoes at 989-348-2301. (-21-28-5-12/3)

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3. Employment
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4. Services Offered

LOOKING FOR PEOPLE for in-home help, assisting with daily living skills, shopping and errands. Must have a valid driver's license with less than three violations and be able to pass a criminal background check. Training provided. Starting pay \$8.33 per hour. Possibility of benefits. EOE. Need part-time positions in the Grayling area. Apply online at www.northernmanagement.org or call 989-732-6374. (-28/4)

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7. Miscellaneous

LOST DOG Medium brown with orange collar, near Little Crapo Lake. She answers to Muttek. 989-939-8039. (-28/7)

STORAGE UNITS AVAILABLE contact Ron at 348-6761. (-3/10/11/f/7)

8. Announcements

DID I FIND YOUR ladder between 612 and Frederie? 989-348-9715 or 989-370-5316. (-28/8)

GRAYLING "HOLLYWOOD" School of Beauty will be opening soon! Our Grand Opening special is just \$3,500 for the Cosmetology program. The first 10 students to sign up before May 14 will save \$300. We also offer Nail Tech and Esthetics' classes. Monthly payment plan, full or part time. Transfer students welcome. Please call for details at 989-657-0203 or 989-354-5758 and ask for Renee. Check out our web site at thehollywoodentities.com. (-28-5-12/8)

CRAWFORD AUSABLE DAYCARE now accepting new enrollment for the summer program. Ages 33 months to 11 years. Now is the time to enroll students for the preschool program or preschool/daycare program beginning September. (-21-28/8)

THERE'S A NEW JEWELRY

Lady in town! Book and hold a Premier Designs Jewelry Fashion Show between now and May 25 and earn an additional \$50 in free jewelry. Call Sandy Moody of Grayling at 309-791-1294 to book your show! (-21-28-5-12-19/8)

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HOUGHTON LAKE Gun and Knife Show - Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Houghton Lake Play House, 1701 W. Houghton Lake Drive, M-55. Information, 989-686-6535. (-28-5/8)

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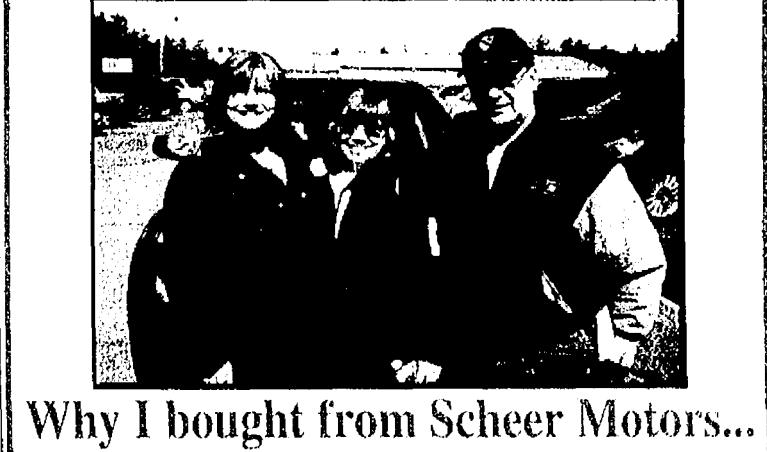
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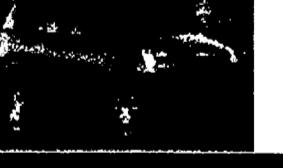
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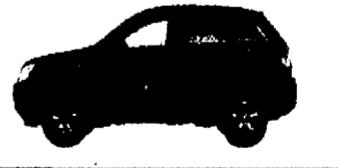
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